GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA

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SUPPLY OF GAS TO RCF BY GAIL/ONGC
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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether ONGC/GAIL have reduced the gas supply to RCF in Mumbai whereas the gas supplied to the private industry has no been curtailed in the similar proportion to the Government PSUs;

(b) if so, the reasons for short supply and the manner by which the Government has planned to cover it;

(c) whether the Government propose to give more weightage to RCF while considering the quota to the Government PSUs; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI SANTOSH KUMAR GANGWAR)

(a) & (b): In view of the overall shortfall in the availability of natural gas from the Mumbai High fields, the gas supplies to all the consumers ex-Uran have been curtailed by making pro-rata cuts as compared to their allocations, after giving priority to feedstock consumers like Rashtriya Chemicals and Fertilizers Limited (RCF).

(c) Apart from priority to feedstock consumers, no additional weightage is proposed to be given to the Public Sector Undertakings as compared to other consumers.

(d) Does not arise in view of (c) above.